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National Library Service for the Blind And Physically Handicapped Will Record Official Histories of the War in Vietnam

Seventeen official histories of the war in Vietnam will be recorded over the next two years by the Library's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH). The books will be produced on cassette and released to handicapped persons through the National Library Service's network of regional and local libraries. In addition, the cassettes will be placed in Veterans Administration libraries.

Prepared by the U.S. Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and the U.S. Marine Corps, the histories deal not only with troop deployment and tactical strategies, but also with events and policies that set the stage for the war.

The books were presented to the NLS/BPH by Maryellen Trautman, chair of the Government Publications Interest Group of the District of Columbia Library Association, which organized the histories project. Of the 17 volumes she presented, three were contributed by the Marine Corps, seven by the Air Force, and five by the Airpower Research Institute of the Air Force. The Departments of Navy and Army each contributed the first volume of planned multivolume sets.

To be eligible to receive these and other recorded books, visually or physically handicapped persons should apply to the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542. Special playback equipment is provided on loan for as long as needed to listen to books, magazines, and music produced by the National Library Service and supplied through a network of participating libraries around the country.

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McKim Commission Is Recorded

American composer William Bolcom's Second Sonata for violin and piano, commissioned by the McKim Fund in the Library of Congress, has been released by Nonesuch Records in a performance by the composer and violinist Sergiu Luca. The sonata was commissioned and completed in 1978 and premiered in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium on January 12, 1979. The work is dedicated to the American jazz violinist Joe Venuti, whose playing style influenced its composition. Mr. Venuti was a friend of both the composer and Mr. Luca, and died just as the sonata was being written.

Mr. Bolcom is a native of Seattle, Wash., and a graduate of the University of Washington, Mills College, the Paris Conservatory, and Stanford University. He currently teaches at the University of Michigan. Violinist Sergiu Luca, a native of Romania, grew up in Israel. He studied at the Curtis Institute and made his debut with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in 1965.

NACO Participants Visit Library for Training

Marjorie A. Mazur, director of technical services at the South Carolina State Library, and Jeffrey Heard, head of the Cataloging Section at the State Library of Ohio, recently received training at the Library of Congress in preparation for their participation in the Name Authority Co-op (NACO) project. From June 4 to 15, after an orientation that included tours of the Library and of Processing Services, each person spent two weeks training with a senior descriptive cataloger in the Library's cataloging procedures with emphasis on NACO and the role of participating libraries in developing a common authority data base.

Richard E. Jones, music librarian at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee and project director for the REMUS (REtrospective MUSic) Project, was also at the Library on June 11–22 for an orientation to the Library's name authority procedures, particularly as practiced in the Music Section of the Special Materials Cataloging Division.

The 28 NACO participants have now contributed in excess of 101,000 authority records and nearly 16,000 bibliograhic records to the Library's automated files. A recent study indicated that Library of Congress catalogers have used 28 percent of these authority records in their cataloging of materials for the Library's collections.

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Library of Congress Publications

New Publications

Czech and Slovak Literature in English: A Bibliography. ISBN 0-8444-0436-5. Washington, D.C., 1984. (vi, 132 p.) This indexed bibliography was compiled by George J. Kovtun of the Library's European Division. Single copies are free upon request from the Library of Congress, European Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Theories of Criticism: Essays in Literature and Art. ISBN 0-8444-0444-6. Washington, D.C., 1984. (53 p.) No. 2 in the series, Occasional Papers of the Council of Scholars. This publication reprints a paper entitled "Literary Criticism in America: Some New Directions" by M. H. Abrams and an interpretation and response entitled "Suggestions for a Theory of Art Criticism" by James Ackerman, both presented at meetings of the Council of Scholars. Single copies are available free upon request from the Library of Congress, Central Services Division.

New MARC Music Service

The Library's Cataloging Distribution Service is now making available the MARC Distribution Service—Music (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for April 9, pp. 111–113). This service provides records for monographs of printed and manuscript music and music and nonmusic sound recordings cataloged by the Library of Congress. All recordings distributed are cataloged according to AACR 2. Records for monographs **about** music and sound recordings are part of the MARC Distribution Service—Books All, Books U.S., and Books English. Records for serials **of and about** music and sound recordings are part of

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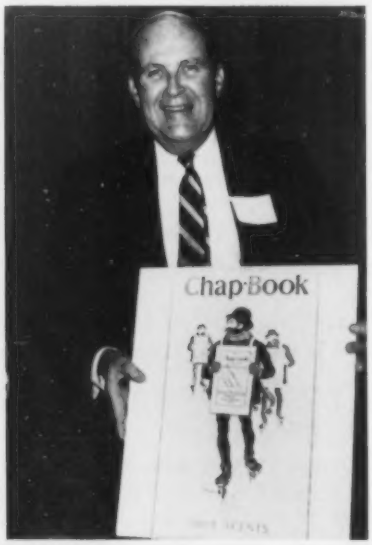
Book Travelers Honored

The tradition of traveling book salesmen—called "reps" or "travelers" in book industry jargon—was celebrated at the Library of Congress on May 25 when the Center for the Book sponsored a program honoring the Association of Book Travelers on its 100th anniversary. Love of reading, the personal approach to books, and tales of the open road (most travelers spend about three months a year visiting bookstores) were the dominant themes.

James Gilreath, American history specialist in the Library's Rare Book and Special Collections Division introduced the program with historical anecdotes about book traveling. Publishers in search of wider markets relied upon colporteurs to carry their wares across an expanding nation, he noted. These hawkers or peddlers wrote secret manuals in which they described their trade and the philosophy of canvassing:



"There is no business that offers such great inducement to persons who are *earnest, achieve,* and *willing to work,* as the BOOK AGENCY BUSINESS."

Bev Chaney, a traveler for 37 years and past president of the association, who now works for Houghton Mifflin, described a historical chapbook that is being put together by the association. It is available for $10, postage included, from Vicki Brooks, The Cerberus Group, P.O. Box 470, Frenchtown, N.J. 08825. The final speaker was Sandra K. Paul of SKP Associates, who recently completed a study for UNESCO and the Center for the Book about the effects of new

technologies on book distribution. A facsimile from the collections of the Library of Congress, *Robert Bell's Book Auction Catalog: An Eighteenth-Century American Broadside,* was distributed as a memento of the occasion.

Until 1980, the Association of Book Travelers was named the Brotherhood of Book Travelers and had few female members. Today, 60 of its 300 members are women.

Pictured are Bev Chaney (opposite), holding an illustration from the forthcoming chapbook; Carol A. Nemeyer and Alice Schreyer (above) of the Library of Congress admiring chapbook pages with Jean Peters of the R. R. Bowker Co.; and James Gilreath (below).

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the MARC Distribution Service—Serials.

A test tape of 51 records is available for the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $105. A copy of *MARC Formats for Bibliographic Data* through the current update is included with the MARC Distribution Service test tape.

MARC Distribution Service—Music tapes will be shipped every four weeks on nine-track tapes at 800 or 1600 cpi. The cost for the current subscription year from April 1, 1984, to March 31, 1985, is $973. Subscribers to the MARC Distribution Service—Complete Service will receive Music as part of their regular subscriptions along with Books, Books All, Films, Maps, and Serials.

Questions and comments regarding the sale and distribution of MARC Distribution Service—Music should be directed to the Customer Services Section of the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) at the above address, tel. (202) 287-6171. Questions and comments regarding the tapes should be directed to the Computer Application Section of CDS, tel. (202) 287-1250.

Ongoing Publications

Accessions List: South Asia. ISSN 0271-6445. Vol. 4, No. 5. May 1984. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director-LOC, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

For Younger Readers, 1982-1983. ISSN 0093-2825. This biennial catalog lists braille, disc, cassette, and, for the first time, handcopied braille books for preschool through ninth-grade readers. Special sections include books in Spanish and a listing of books for children from preschool age through grade three. Free upon request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

Library of Congress Subject Headings in Microform. ISSN 0361-5234. March 1983. Subscription to the 1983 cumulative quarterly is $70 from the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541.

Library of Congress Subject Headings Weekly Lists. 1984. Lists 1 through 10. The subject headings weekly lists are a byproduct of the system in the Library's Subject Cataloging Division for the submission, review, and approval of new, changed, and canceled subject headings and references. The approved lists of additions and changes result from decisions made at a weekly meeting. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $65 for the 1984 subscription year.

Name Authorities. (Cumulative microform ed.) ISSN 0195-9093. The 1977-September 1983 cumulative edition is available on 48X microfiche from the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $170 for the 1983 subscription year.

National Union Catalog: Cartographic Materials. (Microfiche ed.) ISSN 0734-7634. March 1984. Published on diazo negative microfiche at a reduction ratio of 48X. This publication, which is issued quarterly, features a register of full records and five separate indexes: name, title, subject, series, and geographic classification code. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $115, domestic, and $120, foreign, for the 1984 subscription year.

National Union Catalog: Register of Additional Locations. ISSN 0361-5251. March 1984. Published on diazo negative microfiche using a reduction ratio of 48X. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $175, domestic, and $180, foreign, for the 1984 subscription year.

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Held by Libraries in the United States and Canada. ISSN 0028-6680. July-September 1983 (1,072 p.), October 1983 (477 p.), and November 1983 (308 p.) For sale from the Cataloging Distribution Service for $325 for the 1983 subscription year.

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Held by Libraries in the United States and Canada. ISSN 0028-6680. February 1984. (260 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $350 for the 1984 subscription year.

Subject Catalog. ISSN 0096-8803. 1982 Annual. Vol. 13, Podlasie-Reksten (1,002 p.) Vol. 14, Relation-Slovaks (990 p.) Vol. 15, Slovene-Tax Revenue (976 p.) Vol. 16, Tax Sales-Unlawful (979 p.) Vol. 17, Unmarried-Zyskind (957 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $1,090 for the 1982 annual cumulation. The 1982 book form catalog ceases with this publication. Since January 1983, the *Subject Catalog* is incorporated into the *National Union Catalog: Books* and is published in microfiche only.

Supplement to Library of Congress Subject Headings. (Book form) January-March 1983. Quarterly cumulative supplement to the ninth edition of *Library of Congress Subject Headings*. A subscription to this 1983 service is available for $60 from the Cataloging Distribution Service.

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STAFF NEWS

Questions Asked during The Savings Bond Campaign

Jackie Wintle, vice chair of the Library's drive during the 1984 Savings Bond Campaign held in May, reports that many questions were raised during that time. Although the Library's campaign is now over, bonds can be purchased throughout the year. Staff members are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to sign up through the Payroll Savings Plan. Some of these most often asked questions are answered below. Also included is the final report for the Library's bond drive:

(Q). What if persons cannot afford to have the deduction taken out right away?

(A). Persons can decide when to have the deduction begin and note that on the authorization form. For example, staff members could indicate that they want bond deductions to start after September 1.

(Q). If an employee who is buying bonds on the installment plan resigns from the Library, what happens to the accrued money?

(A). Any amounts of money accruing to buy a bond will be returned to the person upon resignation or termination.

(Q). If a bond is in the name of a child, how can the the investor keep from having the income reported on tax records?

(A). Get the child a social security number and list the child as owner with the investor or other person as beneficiary. The child's income will probably be very low; no income taxes have to be paid on unearned income, for example, interest up to $1,000 per year. File a Federal income tax return in the child's name the first year reporting the accrued interest and any other income. This establishes "intent."

(Q). If a child is listed as owner and an adult is the beneficiary, who can cash the bonds?

(A). The child's legal guardian can cash it for a minor. After age 18, only the named owner who is still living can cash the bond.

(Q). What is the best way to list a child on a bond?

(A). Of the three ways to register a bond—single owner, owner/beneficiary, and two coowners—it is recommended that the child be listed as coowner if the adult coowner wants to control the bonds after the child is 18; however, the adult will be liable for taxes on the interest.

(Q). When is a good time to convert to HH bonds?

(A). HH bonds are issued in exchange for Series E and EE bonds and provide an additional 10-year deferral of taxes on income earned on the Series E and EE bonds. Therefore, it is good to coordinate conversion with your retirement to reduce tax liability.

(Q). What are some salient points to tell someone nearing retirement?

(A). It is never too late to save; savings bonds are safe; they will supplement retirement income; the bonds can be cashed in six months after retirement.

(Q). Can one buy a bond and name an organization as the beneficiary?

(A). No. An organization can only be listed as the owner of a bond. If you want an organization to receive your bonds after your death, you should buy them in your name and include the organization in your will.

(Q). Will the 1950s bonds earn the variable rate?

(A). Yes, if they are held for five years from November 1, 1982.

Savings Bonds Campaign Report
May 1-31, 1984

Department (Size)	Allotments New	Increased
Office of The Librarian (67)	3	0
Office of the Associate Librarian for Management (906)	17	7
Office of the Associate Librarian for National Programs (234)	15	1
Congressional Research Service (907)	20	1
Copyright Office (550)	10	3
Law Library (100)	5	0
Processing Services (1,371)	65	10
Research Services (1,169)	43	11

LCPA Will Sponsor Two Programs

The Library of Congress Professional Association will present two half-hour programs in July.

On Tuesday, July 10, Robert Zich, director of the Office of Planning and Development, will describe the Library's current effort to identify and poll users in his talk "User Survey: Service Satisfaction."

On Thursday, July 19, Peter Sparks, director of the Preservation Office, will present "Collections Survey: Materials Condition," a description of the recently completed statistical study of the Library's general and law collections.

Both speakers will discuss why these surveys have been undertaken, how they have been implemented, and what impact the findings may have. Each program will begin promptly at 12:10 p.m. in the Mumford Room and will last one-half hour so that staff members may attend during their lunch period.

Credit Union Declares Special Dividends: 8% on Shares, 12% on IRAs

The Board of Directors of the Library of Congess Federal Credit Union has announced the declaration of special rates of dividends for both shares and individual retirement accounts for the three-month period ending June 30. The Credit Union will pay a special one percent bonus rate, along with the regular seven percent, for a total dividend rate of eight percent to all share accounts, and a special one-half percent bonus rate plus 11.5 percent for a total dividend of 12 percent on all individual retirement accounts. The dividends will be credited to members' accounts effective July 1 and will cost an estimated $196,700.

These special rates were made possible because the Credit Union was able to achieve better than average ratios of operating income to expenses from the first six months of operations in 1984.

The Credit Union now serves more than 4,600 members and has assets in excess of $10,800,000. Membership can begin with $10 (a deposit of one $5 share and a one-time membership fee of $5). When a minimum share balance of $250 has been achieved, a full spectrum of services such as loans, IRAs, and share draft (checking) share certificates is available to members. All accounts are insured to $100,000 by the NCUA, an agency of the Federal Government.

Scholars Colloquium Planned

The next Scholars Committee Colloquium will be held on Tuesday, July 24, at 2:30 p.m. in the Wilson Room. Joseph Raffa, who has recently completed his doctoral work at Columbia University with a dissertation entitled *Nightmare Begins Responsibility: The Poetry of Michael S. Harper,* will discuss the poetry of Mr. Harper.

Michael S. Harper is an Afro-American poet who has published seven books. Two of them, *Dear John, Dear Coltrane* (1970) and *Images of Kin* (1978), were nominated for National Book Awards. Mr. Harper teaches at Brown University. Most critics have responded favorably to Mr. Harper's poetry, and those who have the highest praise for him are also those who emphasize the historical qualities of his work. Mr. Harper's imagery is grounded in personal experience and draws upon a wide range of cultural and historical knowledge, particularly Afro-American history.

Women's Program Sponsors Program on the Single Life

The Library of Congress Women's Program Office presented a panel discussion on "Being Single" for Library employees on June 6. The speakers, Audrey Chapman of Howard University; Janet Harrell, producer of WDVM-TV's "Morning Break" (Channel 9); and "Captain" Paul Porter of WKYS Radio's "Nite Flite," were introduced by Nancy F. Bush, the Library's information officer. Morrigene Holcomb, the Library's women's program officer, noted in her opening remarks that the program was the first in a series in observance of the 10th anniversary year of the Women's Program Advisory Committee, a committee made up of employees from all departments of the Library.

Participants in the program were (left to right) Morrigene Holcomb, Paul Porter, Janet Harrell, Audrey Chapman, and Nancy Bush.

Audrey Chapman, a family therapist and trainer with the Howard University Counseling Services, has conducted seminars and workshops on the single lifestyle at Yale University, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the Federal Reserve Board. A recognized expert in her field, she has been the subject of articles in the *New York Times, Washington Post, Jet,* and *Ebony* and has been a guest on interview shows on television including the Phil Donahue Show.

Ms. Chapman described the choice of the single lifestyle of today as a conscious one, and she noted that by 1990 half of all households in the United States will be single. Being single is no longer seen as a difficult time or a period of waiting for life to begin, she said, but rather it is seen as a satisfying part of the life experience. She emphasized the importance of meeting people, having a close circle of friends, and loving oneself as strategies to make life more rewarding as a single person.

An attentive audience listens to panel in the Mumford Room.

When people ask television producer and personality Janet Harrell why she has never married, she jokingly answers "just lucky, I guess." She stated that single women are no longer accepting uncomplimentary labels and that they want to be recognized and appreciated for what they are. She also appreciates the encouragement and support that she receives from a close circle of women friends. When a person is content with his or her life, there will be no need to panic and enter into desperate relationships, she added.

Radio announcer Paul Porter, selected as one of the top 10 most eligible bachelors in Washington by the viewers of "Morning Break," also has a close circle of women friends. He said he enjoys the support of these friends, preferring to discuss such topics as loneliness with women because they are so understanding. He added that he would feel less comfortable discussing loneliness with another man. He and the other panelists agreed that there is no longer a great deal of pressure for young people to marry, except as Mr. Porter admitted, from his mother.

LCPA Announces Grant

Last year, the Library of Congress Professional Association voted to establish a continuing education fund for members. This year, the LCPA Executive Committee and continuing education fund board of trustees have arranged a supplemental allocation to make the first grant under the provisions of this fund. Applications for this grant will be received until August 1, and the grant will be awarded on August 15. Applications and additional information can be obtained by contacting Arnie Bellefontaine, executive officer in the Office of the Associate Librarian for National Programs and the current chair of the fund's board of trustees.

As provided for in the fund's charter, this and subsequent grants will be made "to support course work, seminars, and other educational experiences beyond the master's degree in the areas of library and information science, information management, information technology, and library management."

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Vera Au, subject cataloger, GS-9, Subj Cat, 40192; Soo Young Cho, preliminary cataloger, GS-5, Desc Cat, 40108; Charles Krutz, senior auditor, GS-14, Audit, 40075.

Temporary Appointments: Stephanie Barksdale, library aid, GS-1, Col Mgmt, NP; Felicia Benn, library aid, GS-3, E&G, NP; Susan Carey, library aid, GS-3, E&G, NP; Sean Coe, deck attendant, GS-2, Col Mgmt, G114C; Daniela Drazan, library aid,

GS-3, SMCD, NP; Reginald Faison, library aid, GS-1, CRS L, 40188; Janet Hackley, graduate assistant, GS-5, GRR, NP; Kelly Jones, library aid, GS-1, Ser, NP; Tim Kegley, library aid, GS-1, Ser, NP; Jeffrey Kessel, library aid, GS-1, CRS L, 40188; John McKinley, library aid, GS-1, CRS L, 40188; Patrice Matthews, library aid, GS-1, CRS L, 40188; Yvette Phelps, worker-trainee, GS-1, Health, NP; Livia Schachter, library aid, GS-1, E&G, NP; Eric Shipley, mail/clerk messenger, GS-2, CS, NP; Tolbert Spivey, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G114C; Elizabeth Ward, foreign affairs analyst, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Lanita Worthy, clerical assistant, GS-3, AA, NP.

Temporary Reappointments: David Bean, conservator aid, GS-5, Preserv, NP; Linda Blaser, conservator (rare bookbinder), GS-9, Preserv, NP; Maureen O'Loughlin, library aid, GS-3, Ser Rec, NP; Anthony Russell, conservator aid, GS-5, Preserv, NP.

Promotions: Anita Basilio, Cop Inf & Ref, to editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS A, 40173; William Baxter, to unit supervisor, GS-13, FRD, 40092; Sylvia Csiffary, to operations librarian, GS-12, Ord, 40113; Delphine Fennell, Res, to secretary to the assistant chief for catalog management, GS-6, CMP, 40136; Julia Huff, to senior copyright examiner, GS-12, Cop Exam, 40161; Joseph J. Keenan, Jr., Subj Cat, to assistant head, reference section, GT-11, Photodup, 40293; James Kepler, to head, paperwork management section, GS-13, CS, 40281; Mercedes Ondich, to systems analyst, GS-13, ASO, 40010; Denise Winebrenner, to editorial assistant, GS-5, FRD, 40199; Christine Yates, Cop Acq & Proc, to editorial assistant, GS-5, FRD, 40199.

Transfers: John Ashley, Cop Inf & Ref, to copyright examiner, GS-7, Cop Exam, 40131; Barbara Hall, CMP, to bibliographic assistant, GS-4, CRS L, 40193; Emmerich Oswald, FRD, to subject cataloger, GS-9, Subj Cat, 40144; Debra Rollins, NLS/BPH, to photocopy assistant/messenger, GS-3, CRS MAS, 40182; Elizabeth Smith, Ser Rec, to serial processor (trainee), GS-4, Ser, 40146.

Resignations: Janice Fitzpatrick, G&M; Catherine Hedley, Cop Acq & Proc; Anise Jackson, Col Mgmt; Steven Norris, Loan; Donald Willis, CDS; Dawn Woods, FRD.

Carpool Locator

Nikki Adams of Processing Services, ext. 76145, is seeking riders/drivers to share in a carpool from Springfield, Va. The carpool originates in West Springfield and can stop and pick up riders at the Springfield Plaza at approximately 6:30 a.m. Current members are on a flexitime schedule.

Gwenell Bass of the Economics Division, ext. 77577, is looking for a nonsmoking driver to join an established carpool coming from New Carrollton, Md. Members are on a schedule from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lydia Bernstein of the Copyright Office, ext. 75757, is seeking a driver for an established carpool coming from the Grubb Rd./East-West Highway area of Silver Spring, Md. Members are currently on a flexitime schedule from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and now have reserved parking in the Madison Building.

Melanie Dalyai of the Congressional Reference Division, ext. 77106, is seeking a rider from the Forestville, Md., area. Her hours are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cindy Gossom of the Personnel Security Office, ext. 75939, wants to be a rider/driver in a carpool from the Arlington, Va., area. She is on a compflex schedule from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Maureen Landry of the Serial Record Division, ext. 75373, is seeking a driver/rider from the Kings Park Shopping Center area/Braddock Rd., Fairfax, Va. Current members are on a flexitime schedule from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., with reserved parking in the Madison Building.

Edwina Riddick of the Library Services Division, ext. 77535, would like to start a carpool with anyone living in the Northeast Washington, D.C., area or any area not too far from Northeast. She would like to meet at the intersection of 4th and H or K Sts., N.E. She is on a flexitime schedule and would like to arrive at work between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

Patricia White of the Library Environment Resources Office, ext. 76050, needs to join a carpool coming in from the Arlington/Crystal City, Va., area. She is on a flexitime schedule and would like to arrive at work between 7 and 8 a.m.

Upcoming Event

In addition to the meetings already announced for July (see *Staff News,* July 2), the LCPA **Special Interest Group (SIG) for Managers** will meet on Tuesday, July 31, from 12:10 until 12:40 p.m in the Copyright Office, *Register's Conference Room, LM 403,* for a discussion of the film *Roadmap for Change: The Deming Approach,* which will be shown at the previous meeting of this SIG on July 24 in the same location. Staff members may attend on their lunch periods. The meeting is informal and eating lunch during the discussion is encouraged.

Talking Book Topics. ISSN 0039-9183. Vol. 50, No. 3. May-June 1984. This bimonthly annotated listing of books added to the Library's national talking-book collection includes news about free library services for blind and physically handicapped readers and lists popular magazines recorded on cassettes and discs. Free upon request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Corrections: In the account of the meeting of the Sixth Assembly of State Librarians that appeared in the May 14 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin,* the picture caption identifying Joseph Anderson of Nevada misnamed him Joseph Andrews.

In the article on the 25th anniversary of the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections,* the next to last paragraph should have read as follows: "With production in progress for its 21st volume, NUCMC has reported descriptions of approximately 52,320 collections located in 1,270 repositories throughout the United States...."

The editor regrets the errors.

Recent Meetings of Interest

ACURIL XV

The 15th annual conference of the Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) was held on May 6-12 at the Trinidad Hilton Hotel in Port-of-Spain, with more than 90 participants from outside the host country and 20 from within. Cohosts for the conference, whose theme was "Automation and Information in the Caribbean," were the Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago and the University of the West Indies Library (St. Augustine), with generous assistance from the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

The conference was organized around eight topical sessions focusing on several aspects of the conference theme—automation in libraries, planning for automation in information centers, information technology and the training of library personnel, automating circulation sevices, automating selection and acquisitions processes, automating cataloging processes, automating serials service, and automating bibliographic information services. Papers dealing with session topics were contributed by Russell Bowden, David Beckles, María Casas de Faunce, Audrey Chambers, William J. Cameron, Arturo Fernández Ortíz, Jorge Fernández Rofín, Lutishoor Salisbury, Nancy St. John, Frank Rodgers, Henry C. Chang, Robert V. Vaughn, and Mercedes Morales de Liz.

Other papers included a report by Marietta Daniels Shepard on "Library Automation and the Library Information Infrastructure of Information Systems in Latin America: Implications for the Caribbean," by Arturo Fernández Ortíz and Vilma R. de Bayron on "Bibliographic Selection and Automatization," by María Casas de Faunce on "Microcomputers in Libraries," and by Robert V. Vaughn on "Virgin Islands Newspaper Indexing and Information Retrieval Programs." Mr. Vaughn's paper on "Automation of Bibliographic Services in the Caribbean: Two Cases in the U.S. Virgin Islands" included appendixes on selected software sources, library applications, and periodicals relating to computers and microcomputers.

William Cameron reported on his ongoing automated project for compiling the Western Hemisphere Short-Title Catalog (WHSTC) of pre-1801 publications in English. Written progress reports were made for the conference by the president, the executive secretary, and the treasurer. Throughout the conference, bilingual daily bulletins were issued on meetings and extracurricular activities.

Three workshops on the characteristics of microcomputers, with emphasis on the portable 64K Osborne that uses floppy diskettes, were given by William Cameron, Jean Tague, and John Fracasso of the Western Ontario School of Library and Information Science.

Administrative sessions of the Executive Council and standing committees dealt with various topics of concern to ACURIL, especially studies and proposals for restructuring the association to make it more effective and representative of Caribbean library interests. Elected to the council were Vera Achong of Trinidad and Tobago and Nilba Morrilla of Venezuela. Daphne Douglas of Jamaica was incoming president, succeeding Próspero Mella Chavier of the Dominican Republic.

At the final general session, the participants discussed and approved the Resolutions of ACURIL XV. Several of these were in the areas of automation and resource sharing that had been the focus of the conference program. Others related to microfilming and preservation of newspapers, cooperation with UNESCO and IFLA, and the need to improve the scope, frequency, and distribution of ACURIL's *Newsletter.*

The conference schedule included field visits to libraries in the Port-of-Spain area, among them the University at St. Augustine, CARIRI, the Central Library of Trinidad and Tobago and its West Indies Reference Library, the Hall of Justice and Supreme Court, and the Medical Library.

Some 30 exhibits represented firms dealing with micropublishing, reference materials, Caribbean pub-

lications, computer hardware, supplies and software, library equipment and furniture, automated learning systems, and government printing facilities.

Social events got off to a good start with an official reception on Monday evening at the house of the President of the Republic, sponsored by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. Wednesday evening featured home hospitality. On Thursday night, conference participants were entertained at a poolside performance by the Iscott Casablanca Steel Orchestra playing classical and contemporary music, calypso songs by the Lord Relator, and songs, theatre, and folk music by the Barataria Best Village Group.

The conference concluded with a formal banquet preceded by a closing ceremony at which the outgoing and incoming presidents delivered addresses, and there were reminiscences in celebration of ACURIL's 15th anniversary by Gustave Harrer of the United States, for the years 1969–74, Ana O. Marín of Venezuela for 1974–79, and Lois Barrow for 1979–84.

A postconference trip to Tobago was taken by many of the conferees.

[*Marietta Daniels Shepard* and *Peter de la Garza*]

NLC Query Referral

Query Referral was the subject of a two-day seminar conducted by the National Library of Canada on May 7–8, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Bibliography and Information Services for the Social Sciences and Humanities (CBISSSH), a National Library Advisory Board committee. The meeting of experts was convened to examine the idea of a nationwide reference and referral system from the point of view of the need for a system, the role of the participants, overall scope and policies governing the exchange system, funding, clientele, and the need for standardized procedures and formats to facilitate the exchange of reference queries. Participants were to make suggestions for appropriate action to CBISSSH to convey to the board.

Anne Piternick of the School of Librarianship, University of British Columbia, chaired the meeting and introduced newly appointed National Librarian Marianne Scott [see related article, p. 240] who welcomed the group and added her support to its deliberations. Gwynneth Evans, executive secretary, National Library of Canada, spoke, in her opening remarks, on elements of reference service. Current experiences in reference referral at the local level were related by Helen Rodney, McPherson Library, University of Victoria; Nita Cooke, Boreal Institute for Northern Studies Library, University of Alberta; and Pat Dye, Business Department, Metropolitan Toronto Library, and at the regional level by Réal Bosa, Bibliothèque nationale de Québec, and Elizabeth Banfield, Nova Scotia Provincial Library. Eve-Marie Lacroix spoke on the reference services at the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI).

The Library of Congress Reference Correspondence Referral Program was presented by Ellen Hahn, chief of the Library's General Reading Rooms Division, who described the origin of the program with the Oregon State Library in 1979 and its growth to 36 participating state libraries currently. Patricia Klinck, state librarian, Vermont Department of Libraries, spoke about her state's experience with the program.

In small discussion groups, participants considered the need, how it should be met, and the recommended role of the National Library. All agreed that an informal system of reference referral, such as those described by the speakers, should be continued and encouraged. Recommendations to the National Library included widespread distribution of the new reference policy; increased training, through existing libraries or networks, at the local level to encourage referral; improved directories of federal and other libraries and their resources and reference policies; and funding for user surveys, needs assessments, and other kinds of research projects.

The Query Referral meeting was timed to follow closely the promulgation of the new reference policy statement of the National Library of Canada, which provides for the extension of reference service to two groups of users: libraries at the local, provincial, federal, and international level, and individuals who have been formally referred by their local library, who do not have access to a library, or whose research requires the use of the collections and expertise of the National Library in the social sciences and humanities, with emphasis on Canadian studies. The new service policy was developed to recognize and reinforce the importance of local library resources and extends to libraries and their users the assurance of support from the National Library, and the availability of its collections and services to individuals. [*Ellen Hahn*]

Manuscript Society Meeting

On May 23–26, the Manuscript Society held its annual meeting in and around Tarrytown, N.Y. With more than 135 members in attendance, it was one of the largest meetings in recent years. On the evening of May 23, a members' reception was held at the Tarrytown Hilton. On May 24, the members first went to "Sunnyside," the home of Washington Irving, where they toured the house and grounds and were given a slide-illustrated talk by consultant Andrew B. Myers. The next stop was the Rockefeller Archives at Pocantico Hills, where a special exhibit and talk by archivist Joseph Ernst preceded visits to Kykuit Hall and the

Chagall windows in Union Chapel. Luncheon was held at the carriage house at "Lyndhurst," the Jay Gould estate, where dealer Kenneth Rendell delivered an extensive talk on the Hitler "diaries." After viewing "Lyndhurst," the members traveled to the John Jay homestead and library, Bedford-Katonah, for a special exhibit and talk by curator Lino S. Lipinsky. The final visit of the day was to the Caramoor Center for Music and Arts, Katonah, where the group toured the lavishly furnished estate and grounds which are used for music festivals each summer. A lengthy and interesting auction was held that evening at the headquarters hotel, which netted the society a substantial sum for its general funds.

On May 25, the day was mainly spent in Manhattan. The first stop was the Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center, a division of the New York Public Library. After an introductory talk, separate tours were given of the music manuscripts, the theatre arts, the dance, and recorded sound libraries followed by an exhibition on the De Mille dynasty (Henry George, William, Cecil B., and Katherine De Mille). After a special luncheon, the members visited the J. Pierpont Morgan Library for an extremely interesting and well-prepared, slide-illustrated talk on the Morgan's music manuscripts by curator D. Rigby Turner. Next, at the New-York Historical Society, curator Thomas Dunning discussed a special exhibit of the 25 top manuscripts in the society's holdings which was followed by a tour of other exhibitions in the building. A bus tour of upper Manhattan, including the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and Riverside Drive, ended at Rockefeller Center. A reception and dinner followed in the Belvedere Room, 30 Rockefeller Plaza. The group was addressed by dealers Leona Rostenberg and Madeline Stern on recently discovered aspects of the writing career of Louisa May Alcott.

On May 26, members of the group visited the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Library and Museum at Hyde Park, where they saw an exhibit entitled "F.D.R. as a Collector" and heard a talk by the library's director, William Emerson. After lunch in Hyde Park, the group boarded the yacht *Commander* at the West Point Dock. During the two-hour sail down the Hudson River to Haverstraw, the annual business meeting and elections were held. At the annual banquet that evening, archivist Joseph Ernst delivered an insightful talk on the many and varied collections in the Rockefeller Family Archives.

Newly elected officers of the society include George Vogt, Washington, D.C., president; Robert Gordon, Ottawa, Ontario, vice president; William R. Coleman, San Bernardino, Calif., treasurer; and Norman Boas, Stonington, Conn.; Ira Brilliant, Phoenix, Ariz.; Susan Cole, Historic New Orleans Collection; Mihai Handrea, Carl A. Pforzheimer Library; Joseph Rubinfine, Pleasantville, N.J., Mary Schlosser, Greenwich, Conn.; and Paul G. Sifton, manuscript historian, Library of Congress, trustees. Future annual meetings are now scheduled for Providence, R.I., in 1985, London, England, in 1986, Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1987, and Wilmington, Del., in 1988. [*Paul G. Sifton*]

News in the Library World

Recent Publications

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) has published the **UNIMARC Handbook**, a support document to the UNIMARC format. The UNIMARC format was completed and published by IFLA in 1977, with a second edition in 1980. It was designed to support the international exchange of bibliographic records and especially to accommodate national differences in cataloging rules in the formulation of data. Since 1977, several national libraries have undertaken projects to use or convert existing data to UNIMARC. Both this work and a conversion test carried out by several national libraries in 1981 indicated a strong need for an interpretive handbook to give additional guidance in the use of the format.

The publication of the *UNIMARC Handbook* is one component of the IFLA International MARC Program housed at the British Library in London. That program will also serve as a maintenance center for the UNIMARC format and an information exchange and coordination point for institutions using or considering the use of UNIMARC.

The new handbook provides the following types of information: more extensive description of the content and use of fields, indicators, and subfields; many more examples; clarification of areas where data appears to belong in more than one field; and more explanation of the structure of the format. All of the code lists that are not ISO standards are given in appendixes, along with an extended discussion of character representation.

The *UNIMARC Handbook* was compiled and edited by Alan Hopkinson at the British Library, with Sally H. McCallum and Stephen P. Davis of the Library of Congress. It is available from the IFLA International Office for UBC, c/o Reference Division, The British Library, Great Russell St., London WC1B 3DG, United Kingdom (ISBN 0-903043-40-8 $US38).

In tandem with this effort, the Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service has prepared programs to allow international distribution of records in the UNIMARC format in addition to their availability in USMARC. This distribution service will be offered in early 1985.

Rare Books 1983–84: Trends, Collections, Sources, edited by Alice D. Schreyer, consultant to the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, is the first in a projected series published by the R. R. Bowker Co. The 581-page volume combines an overview of recent developments in the field of rare books and manuscripts with information sources in the field, providing collectors, dealers, rare book librarians, and scholars with a review and directory similar to the well-known and useful *Bowker Annual.* The directory portion includes lists of associations, auctioneers, appraisers, rare book and manuscripts libraries in the United States and Canada, dealers in antiquarian books and manuscripts in the United States and Canada, and a subject index of book dealer specialities.

The Library of Congress staff is well represented in the volume. *Rare Books 1983–84* includes essays by William Matheson on "Institutional Collections in the United States," Peter M. VanWingen on "Periodicals for Collectors, Dealers, and Librarians," Stephen Paul Davis on "Recent Work in Automation and Rare Books," and John Y. Cole on "The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress." Topics discussed by other contributors include the antiquarian book trade, the auction year, and trends in the preservation of rare and special materials.

Rare Books 1983–84: Trends, Collections, Sources (ISBN 0-8352-1756-6) is available for $39.95, plus shipping and handling, from the R. R. Bowker Co., P.O. Box 1807, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48106.

Appointments

Marianne Scott, director of libraries at McGill University since January 1975, has been named the National Librarian of Canada. She succeeds Guy Sylvestre, who retired last November.

Ms. Scott has been associated with McGill as a student, lecturer, librarian, and library administrator. She has also played an active role in many Canadian and international library associations, including service as president of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries, the Canadian Association of Research Libraries, and the Canadian Library Association. She is a member of the board of the International Association of Law Libraries. Since 1981, Ms. Scott has been a member of the National Library Advisory Board Bibliographic and Communications Network Committee.

Bessie B. Moore has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate for reappointment to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) for a term expiring in mid-1988. Dr. Moore has been a member of the commission for the past 13 years and has served as NCLIS vice chair since 1972.

Nancy E. Gwinn has been named assistant director for collections management at the Smithsonian Institution Libraries. A Library of Congress special recruit in 1969, she worked in the Congressional Research Service until 1975, when she moved to the Council on Library Resources, Inc. In 1979, she was named a CLR program officer. She was associate director for program coordination at the Research Libraries Group in Stanford, Calif., from 1980 to 1983.

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